

ABSTRACT

Providing tracking of operations in an automated business process includes executing a workflow that includes business operations defined at nodes in the business process. The business rules are applied to the workflow at the nodes such that the operations are affected by the rule content. The business rules can be optionally changed and subsequently, the changed business rules can be applied to the workflow during execution without stopping execution of the workflow. A correlation mechanism is provided between the business rules applied to the operations nodes and the corresponding affected operations. The workflow and rule engine processors are integrated providing correlation and tracking of the workflow progress. A declarative method of expressing changes to the business rules is included. An optional query function to retrieve information relative to the operation being performed enhances performance of the workflow.